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CENTENARY SEASON 1982-83



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Canon **CANON LEAGUE DIVISION 4** **Canon**
Friday 14th September 1984
Kick-Off 7.30 pm.
Season Ticket Holders Match No.2



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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

SWINDON TOWN

Colin Baile Full Back Born, Belfast. A former apprentice he made his league debut at Oxford United in April, 1982 but began to claim a regular place in the side the following season. He became an established member of the team last season at the end of which he had made 71 appearances and can fill either full back position or play in midfield.

Leigh Barnard Midfield Born Worsley. Served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth making his league debut at Exeter City in September, 1977. He made 89 appearances for Pompey plus 4 on loan to Peterborough United before signing for Swindon in July 1982. An enthusiastic player always in the thick of the action he can play in any midfield position but is, perhaps, best wide on the left. Made 82 appearances for Swindon to the end of last season.

Paul Batty Midfield Born Doncaster. A former Swindon apprentice who made his league debut against Crewe Alexandra in September 1982. He quickly became a regular in the centre of midfield and had made 91 appearances to the end of last season. Although short for a professional footballer he makes up in determination for his lack of inches.

Mike Graham Defender A former Bolton Wanderers player he made his debut at Mansfield in March 1978 and went on to appear 51 times for that club. He joined Swindon in July, 1981 and had made 125 appearances at the end of last season when he was given a free transfer under the Freedom of Contract rules but re-signed in August, 1984. Most of his appearances have been alongside the centre-half but he has also played at full-back and in midfield.

Dave Hockaday Midfield Born Billingham. Before joining Swindon in the summer of 1983, he had spent eight seasons and made 178 appearances for Blackpool, his only other club. A versatile player whose best position is on the right wing although he can also play as a central forward. Made 39 appearances last season.

Lou Macari Midfield Born Edinburgh. Swindon's Player/Manager appointed in July, 1984 after a distinguished career with Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland. He joined the Old Trafford club in 1973 after over 50 appearances for Celtic and went on to make around 300 appearances for United. He also gained 24 Scottish caps. Originally a forward he has played more in midfield in recent years but continued to score goals regularly.

Alan Mayes Forward Born London. Alan is in his second spell with the club having resigned in July 1983 after 76 appearances for Chelsea. He began with QPR but only made his league debut (against Port Vale) after a move to Watford. He made 155 appearances there (plus 10 on loan to Northampton) before coming to Swindon in February 1979. He made 112 appearances before moving to Chelsea in December 1980. A mobile striker whose skills enable him to make as well as take chances he made 43 appearances last season.

Garry NELSON Forward Born Braintree. Garry's only previous club was Southend United for whom he made his league debut against Colchester United in October 1979. He went on to make 140 appearances for Southend and joined Swindon in July 1983. Basically an old fashioned left winger who likes to get past his full back he made 43 appearances last season.

Andy ROWLAND Forward Born Derby. Although Andy began with Derby County it was not until he moved to Bury that he played first team football. Made his league debut at Swindon in August 1974 and 203 appearances for Bury. Moved to Swindon in September 1978. A consistent goalscorer, the last couple of seasons have seen him make appearances at centre back, and emergency goalkeeper. 264 appearances for Swindon. He is the club's senior professional and in his career goals scored totalled 161.



SWINDON TOWN SQUAD

L to R. Back Row. Charlie Henry, Simon Gibson, Alan Churchward, Nigel Gray, Scott Endersby, Andy Wollan, Mark Hughes. Centre. Harry Gregg (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Jennie Reynolds, Mark Gardiner, Martin Davison, Sean Prowse, Mike Graham, Dave Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).

Front Row. Paul Batty, Gary Nelson, Leigh Barnard, Lou Macari (Player Manager), Andy Rowland, Alan Mayes, Colin Baile. Seated. Mark Payne, Sheldon Lee.



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I would like to take this opportunity to say "hello" from all the players, Ray and myself, to another new season. We hope it will be a season full of enterprise and, at the end, "success".

As you can see, there are lots of changes in the playing staff so you can imagine how short the summer has been. It takes some players a little longer to settle into a team than others and that has been the case with us. With such a large change of staff, the players have worked very hard to make it happen very quickly but as I have said to the players, improvements we can make every day but miracles take at least a fortnight.

The progress made by Clarke and Clayton has been rewarding and with Hilditch starting back on the fitness trail, we seem to have goals in that trio.

Anderson, Heath and Imlach have given us a lot of left-footed players which I felt we were short of last term. Add to that Aspinall, Goodlass and G. Williams and that's what I call competition. Billy Rodaway is the new club skipper and I'm sure he will add strength and a voice to the squad which will keep everybody in line.

Mark Hilditch and Seamus Heath have started training after troublesome achilles and groins respectively. Dave Burgess received a knock at Preston but knowing Dave, I'm expecting him fit tonight!! Neville Powell is also recovering from a kick on the thigh.

I will talk more about our staff in the near future but, in the meantime, enjoy your game and remember, you are our 13th player so give the lads all the help you can.



Bryan Hamilton.

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION 4 84/85 SEASON

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Hereford	3	1	0	0	1 0	2	0	0	4	0 9	
Chesterfield	3	2	0	0	4 2	1	0	0	3	1 9	
Blackpool	3	1	0	0	3 0	1	1	0	3	1 7	
Bury	3	1	0	0	3 0	1	1	0	4	3 7	
Mansfield	3	1	0	0	5 1	1	1	0	1	1 6	
Exeter	3	2	0	0	7 1	9	0	1	0	3 6	
Tranmere	3	1	0	0	3 1	1	0	1	2	1 6	
Peterborough	3	2	0	0	2 0	0	0	1	0	1 6	
Darlington	2	1	1	0	5 1	0	0	0	0	0 4	
Stockport	3	1	0	1	4 3	0	1	0	0	0 4	
Wrexham	3	0	1	0	1 1	1	0	1	3	2 4	
Chester	3	0	1	1	3 4	1	0	0	2	1 4	
Swindon	3	1	0	1	3 4	0	1	0	2	2 4	
Torquay	3	0	1	0	0 0	1	0	1	3	4 4	
Colchester	3	0	2	0	4 4	0	1	0	2	2 3	
Aldershot	3	0	0	1	1 2	1	0	1	3	3 3	
Crewe	3	1	0	1	3 3	0	0	1	1	3 3	
Scunthorpe	3	0	1	0	2 2	0	1	1	2	3 2	
Port Vale	3	0	1	1	1 2	0	1	0	1	1 2	
Hartlepool	3	0	1	0	2 2	0	1	1	2	5 2	
Southend	2	0	0	0	0 0	0	1	1	4	5 1	
Halifax	3	0	0	2	1 4	0	0	1	0	3 0	
Rochdale	3	0	0	2	0 3	0	0	1	1	5 0	
Northampton	3	0	0	1	1 3	0	0	2	0	9 0	

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Sat. 6 Oct	SOUTH L'POOL	3.00 pm
Sat. 27 Oct	MAN CITY 'A'	11.00 am
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Sat. 24 Nov	SOUTHPORT	
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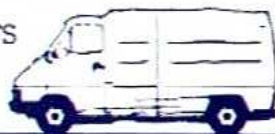
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Day	Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Crowd
Sat.	Aug. 25	Peterborough Utd.	Away	0-1	3045
Tues.	Aug. 28	Preston Milk Cup 1 (1)	Home	2-3	1987
Sat.	Sept. 1	Crewe Alexandra	Home	3-1	1807
Tues.	Sept. 4	Preston Milk Cup 1 (2)	Away	2-2	2560
Fri.	Sept. 7	Stockport County	Away	2-0	2825
Fri.	Sept. 14	Swindon Town	Home		
Mon.	Sept. 17	Halifax Town	Home		
Sat.	Sept. 22	Port Vale	Away		
W/C	Sept. 24	MILK CUP 2 (1)			
Sat.	Sept. 29	Rochdale	Home		
Wed.	Oct. 3	Chester City	Away		
Sat.	Oct. 6	Hartlepool United	Home		
W/C	Oct. 8	MILK CUP 2 (2)			
Sat.	Oct. 13	Wrexham	Away		
Sat.	Oct. 20	Hereford Utd.	Away		
Tues.	Oct. 23	Blackpool	Home		
Sat.	Oct. 27	Torquay United	Home		
W/C	Oct. 29	MILK CUP Round 3			
Sat.	Nov. 3	Mansfield Town	Away		
Tues.	Nov. 6	Colchester Utd.	Home		
Sat.	Nov. 10	Chesterfield	Away		
Sat.	Nov. 17	F.A. CUP (1)			
W/C	Nov. 19	MILK CUP Round 4			
Fri.	Nov. 23	Northampton Town	Home		
Fri.	Nov. 30	Southend United	Away		
Sat.	Dec. 8	F.A. CUP (2)			
Sat.	Dec. 15	Aldershot	Home		
Fri.	Dec. 21	Exeter City	Home		
Wed.	Dec. 28	Darlington	Away		
Sat.	Dec. 29	Bury	Away		
Tues.	Jan. 1	Scunthorpe Utd.	Home		
Sat.	Jan. 5	Peterborough Utd.	Home		
Sat.	Jan. 12	Crewe Alex.	Away		
W/C	Jan. 14	MILK CUP Round 5			
Sat.	Jan. 19	Stockport County	Home		
W/C	Jan. 21	Assoc. Mem. Cup 1st Round (1)			
Sat.	Jan. 26	Swindon Town	Away		
Sat.	Feb. 2	Rochdale	Away		
W/C	Feb. 4	MILK CUP S.F. 1st Leg			
W/C	Feb. 4	Assoc. Mem. Cup 1st Round (2)			
Sat.	Feb. 9	Port Vale	Home		
W/C	Feb. 11	MILK CUP S.F. 2nd Leg			
Tues.	Feb. 12	Halifax Town	Away		
Sat.	Feb. 16	Chester City	Home		
W/C	Feb. 18	Assoc. Mem. Cup 2nd Round			
Fri.	Feb. 22	Mansfield Town	Home		
Sat.	Mar. 2	Torquay United	Away		
Tues.	Mar. 5	Blackpool	Away		
Fri.	Mar. 8	Hereford Utd.	Home		
Sat.	Mar. 16	Wrexham	Home		
W/C	Mar. 18	Assoc. Mem. Cup 1/4 Final			
Sat.	Mar. 23	Hartlepool Utd.	Away		
Sun.	Mar. 24	MILK CUP FINAL			
Fri.	Mar. 29	Colchester United	Away		
Sat.	Apr. 6	Darlington	Home		
Tues.	Apr. 9	Scunthorpe United	Away		
Sat.	Apr. 13	Chesterfield	Home		
W/C	Apr. 15	Assoc. Mem. Cup S.F.			
Sun.	Apr. 21	Northampton Town	Away		
Fri.	Apr. 26	Southend United	Home		
Sat.	May. 4	Aldershot	Away		
Mon.	May. 6	Bury	Home		
Sat.	May. 11	Exeter City	Away		
W/C	May. 13	Assoc. Mem. Cup Area F			
Sat.	May. 25	Wembley Assoc. Mem. Cup Final			
		Wembley. Assoc. Mem. Cup Final Date to be arranged			

NEXT CANON LEAGUE GAME AT PRENTON PARK

Monday Next 17th September 7.30 p.m.

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